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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN MISSION INQUIRY RE: VIETNAMESE
ADOPTION PROGRAM

REF: USUN 1155

1. US MISSION GENEVA HAS QUERIED ICRC WHICH STATES THAT
IT HAS NOT RPT NOT MADE ANY STATEMENT CRITICAL OR OTHERWISE
CONCERNING MOVEMENT AND ADOPTION OF VIETNAMESE ORPHANS.

2. ORIGIN OF REPORT APPEARS TO STEM FROM APRIL 10 "LE
MONDE" ARTICLE WHICH ALLEGES THAT SEVERAL CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT "OPERATION BABYLIFT"
AND THAT SOME HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH
OPERATION, INCLUDING SWISS RED CROSS SOCIETY (NOT RPT NOT
THE ICRC).

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3. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES

IF QUERIED BUT NO QUESTIONS POSED AT APRIL 11 BRIEFING:

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ADOPTIONS FROM VIETNAM AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME. THE CHILDREN LEAVING INDOCHINA IN RECENT WEEKS ARE ALL COVERED BY PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT LONG AGO BY THE ADOPTION

AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. WE WELCOME THE ASSISTANCE THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THIS PROGRAM BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND OTHER PRIVATE AGENCIES."

4. GEORGE M. ELSEY, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN RED CROSS, HAS ISSUED STATEMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES, ADDING THAT "THE UNNAMED SPOKESMAN IN GENEVA APPARENTLY HAS NOT FAMILIARIZED HIMSELF WITH THE PROCEDURES BEING FOLLOWED BY THE ADOPTION AGENCIES IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT A STATEMENT ISSUED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR A RED CROSS ORGANIZATION IN SWITZERLAND WAS MADE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS."

5. BELIEVE FOREGOING RESPONDS TO AUSTRALIANS' CONCERN BUT STAND READY TO ANSWER ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THIS SUBJECT IF NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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